AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

- 1. 4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The hyperthermia method according to <u>claim</u>41, <u>Claim 4</u>, further comprising covering the magnetite with cationic liposome.
 - 6. 10. (Cancelled).
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a malignant tumor comprising:

administering cytokine to a malignant tumor; and subjecting said tumor to hyperthermia, wherein

said subjecting said tumor to hyperthermia comprises

administering magnetic fine particles to said tumor and heating said magnetic fine particles;

said magnetic fine particles comprise magnetite or ferrite or permalloy; and

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The hyperthermia method according to Claim 8, wherein the cytokine is interleukin-2.

12 - 13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a malignant tumor comprising:

administering cytokine to a malignant tumor; and subjecting said tumor to hyperthermia, wherein

said subjecting said tumor to hyperthermia comprises

administering magnetic fine particles to said tumor and heating said magnetic

fine particles;

said magnetic fine particles comprise magnetite or ferrite or permalloy; and The hyperthermia method according to Claim 8, wherein the cytokine is a granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor.

15. - 34. (Cancelled).

35. (Currently Amended) The hyperthermia method according to <u>claim</u>

11, Claim 33, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise ferrite.

- 36. (Currently Amended) The hyperthermia method according to <u>claim</u>

 11. Claim 33, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise permalloy.
- 37. (Currently Amended) The hyperthermia method according to claim 4133, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise an antibody which selectively binds to malignant tumor cells.
 - 38. 40. (Cancelled).
- 41. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 11, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise magnetite.
- 42. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 14, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise magnetite.
- 43. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 42, further comprising covering the magnetite with cationic liposome.
- 44. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 14, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise ferrite.

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- 45. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 14, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise permalloy.
- 46. (New) The hyperthermia method according to claim 42, wherein said magnetic fine particles comprise an antibody which selectively binds to malignant tumor cells.